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# The ADVOCATE

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## Lobby Day increases student activism

By B.PORTER / C.MOEN

Staff Writers

Before the sun cracked the night sky, college students throughout Minnesota filed onto chartered buses and headed for the state capitol.

The MSUM bus arrived shortly after 9 a.m. in Minneapolis/St. Paul, just as Lobby Day got under way. MSUM students met with legislators and senators throughout the day and discussed issues ranging from building renovations to tuition increases.

Most MSUM students have felt the brunt of Minnesota's deficit, and they question the drastic tuition increases.

"We obviously have a huge budget problem," said Rep. Doug Fuller. "We could have capped tuition increases to

5 percent and forced the universities to cut their way out of it. If we do that, we start risking programs. I think we'd do more damages to the institutions in the long run."

Student senate president Travis Maier feels keeping current appropriations where they are is a temporary solution. "When they cut appropriations, that's when tuition really has to go up," said Maier.

Sen. Keith Langseth, DFL-District 9, pointed out that this is the second year of the two-year budget.

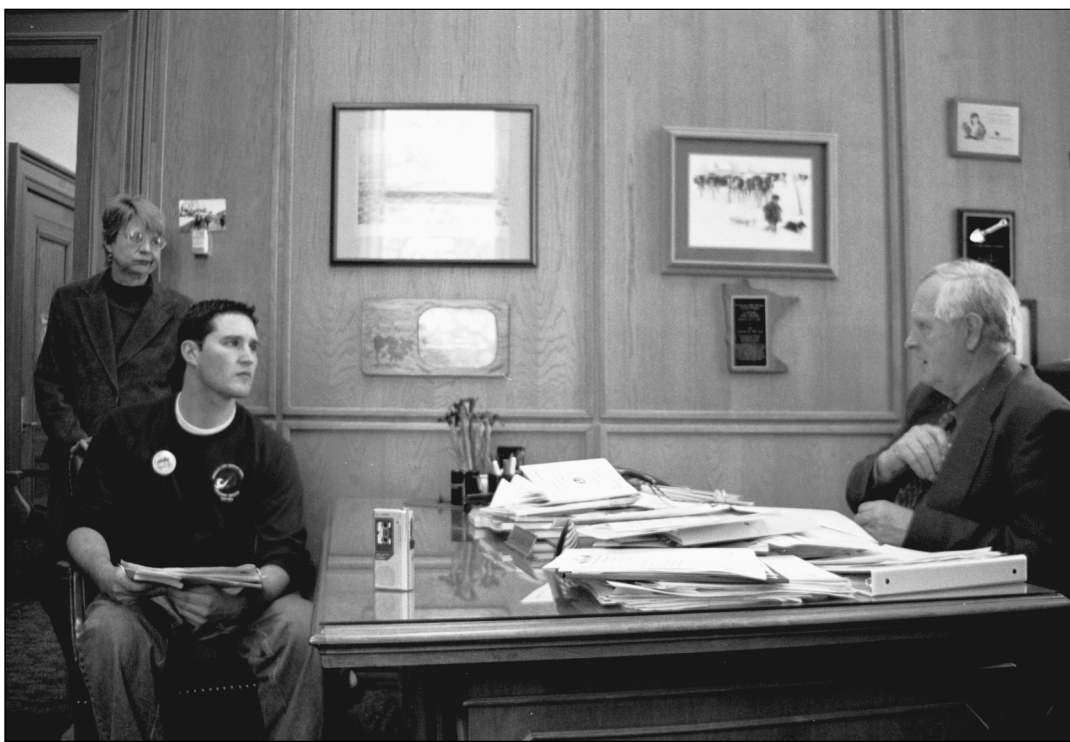
"We can't get into it this year, but next year we'll have to take another run at it," said Langseth. "There isn't going to be a lot of money next year either. It's

kind of improving, but when you're coming out of a hole, it takes awhile."

Maier has seen the effects of tuition increases. "Everybody around here can tell a story about having to work an extra job or take less credits because they can't afford as many," said Maier.

Stories such as those are exactly what Minnesota State University Student Association chair Sam Edmunds recommends students share with legislators.

"Students need to be contacting their legisla-



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**Above: Student senate president Travis Maier meets with Minnesota Sen. Keith Langseth, DFL-District 9, during Lobby Day while Langseth's secretary looks on. Left: State Sen. Sandra Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, speaks to students and media during Lobby Day.**

tors the rest of the year—the grassroots way of phone calls, letters and e-mails to let them know why you can't afford tuition increases. A legislator getting 10, 20, or 100 e-mails from students is hard not to notice," said Edmunds.

Langseth suggests students come to the capitol early and often next year to increase the pressure on legislators.

Pocket books aren't the only thing hurting on the MSUM campus. During the past year campus buildings have undergone much-needed renovations, but according to Maier, the university has a long way to go before it's updated.

"We have eight million and some dollars to fix things and for regular maintenance," he said. "We really feel it's important that the state continues maintaining our buildings."

Fuller agrees updates are needed but feels renovations to old buildings aren't as appealing as constructing new ones.

"It's not as sexy to fix up the bricks on old buildings than it is for someone to say, 'I got this money for a new building,'" said Fuller. "There's a huge backlog with maintenance. All we can do is try to pluck away at it."

Along with renovation funds, grant disbursement between public and private universities became a hot topic.

Fuller pointed out that there has been a small change in disbursement.

"It used to be 25 percent of the private college students were getting half

□ LOBBY DAY, page 3

## Conference promotes new learning method

By BRITTA TRYGSTAD

Staff Writer

Students and faculty will have the opportunity to hear about a new method of learning next week during the second annual academic service-learning conference.

Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead will host a public forum on education for citizenship at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, and the conference will be held in the CMU Wednesday and Thursday.

Service-learning is a teaching method that allows students the opportunity to work in their chosen field as part of class. The method lets students make relevant connections between what they learn in class and what they experience in the real world, said

Craig Ellingson, faculty director of the academic service-learning council and associate professor of theater arts. "It allows the student to do some soul-searching and to realize what they would like to do," he said.

"It reinforces the theory of taking learning out of the classroom and becoming engaged in our community," said Theresa Hest, academic service-learning committee member.

Dr. David Cooper, professor of writing, American cultures and rhetoric at Michigan State University, will host a public forum on education and leadership Tuesday and will be the keynote speaker during the conference Thursday. Cooper received the Thomas Erlich Faculty award for service-

learning in 1999 and founded the service-learning program at Michigan State University.

During the keynote, Cooper will address the students' voice in service-learning, and an MSUM student will read the reactions of students in Cooper's Michigan State classes.

Ellingson said many instructors don't realize what service-learning involves and how they can use it in their teaching.

"We are not trying to toot the horn of service-learning, saying everyone should do it, but to be able to understand what it is and the benefits that can be reached," he said.

Questions on the real role of the university will be presented during the public forum Tuesday. Both Ellingson and

Hest encourage students to attend the public forum.

"It's challenging the status quo as far as what education models are or what they could or should be," Ellingson said. "Until students become educated in new ways of learning, academics are always going to stay the same."

Students will share their experiences with the service-learning project during the conference. "We'll be able to understand a little more on how it affects students," Ellingson said.

The conference has received support and funding from Concordia, NDSU and the visiting scholars committee.

Peter Quigley, MSUM's dean of arts and humanities, lent his support to the conference and proposed adding a public

humanities degree at MSUM.

"The whole idea of the program centers on the activism and educational dimensions of service-learning: practice idealism," Quigley said in the academic service-learning brochure.

The degree would combine women's studies and multicultural studies with other new areas of academics such as peace studies, medicine and ethics, technology and democracy, public history and other areas where the humanities and social issues interface, he said.

"(The conference) should be a very exciting three days," Ellingson said.

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# Dragons' Den

2.19 — 2.25

Organizational events on campus

**2.23**  
Public Relations Student Society of America, 2 p.m., mass communications office.

**2.23**  
Milkshakes at Kroll's with Delta Zeta, 9 p.m., CMU.

**2.24**  
Campus Crusade, 9 p.m., CB.

**Get your organization listed in the Dragons' Den or your event listed in the Hap. Send us the time, date and location of your next event.**  
[advocate@mnstate.edu](mailto:advocate@mnstate.edu)

Withdraw today

The withdrawal deadline for spring semester 2004 first-half term classes is today (Thursday).

The withdrawal deadline for full-term classes is April 6.

The withdrawal deadline for second-half term classes is April 21.

Please note that course withdrawals can now be processed on the MSUM Web site.

For more information contact Gloria Riopelle by e-mailing [riopelg@mnstate.edu](mailto:riopelg@mnstate.edu).

**Apply for money**

The Harriet Geib Scholarship is available for women attending MSUM who meet the following criteria: non-traditional full-time female student, majoring in business administration, international business or management, and shows financial need.

If you meet the criteria, please pick up an application from the office of the dean of business and industry, CB 100.

Deadline for application is 4 p.m. March 15. The award will be given this spring.

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### Correction

A date in the housing fee increase story published on Thursday, Feb. 12 was incorrect.

It should have read that renovations to Kise Commons will begin in April 2005 and finish that summer.

### Travel for credit

Take a ride to establish good credit during "Credit for Life: Passport to a Successful Financial Future" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the CMU ballroom.

The program offers students an opportunity to experience a safari adventure, Mardi Gras, Hawaiian paradise and Ireland's finest all while learning credit management.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be entered in a drawing for prizes from local businesses.

The program is sponsored by Optical Outcome, a group from the PR execution class. For more information contact Dawn Ness at (701)239-8255.

### Nominate great service learners

The service-learning committee seeks nominations for this year's service-learning awards. The categories include outstanding departmental involvement, outstanding community organization, outstanding student contribution and outstanding faculty contribution.

The category winners will be announced Feb. 26 at the service-learning conference.

Nominate a department, community organization, faculty member or student that has shown exceptional commitment through a service-learning experience by e-mailing their names with a short explanation to Craig Ellingson at [ellngson@mnstate.edu](mailto:ellngson@mnstate.edu).

The deadline for nominations is Friday.

For more information regarding this year's service-learning conference, please visit [www.mnstate.edu/asl](http://www.mnstate.edu/asl) or contact Craig Ellingson at 477-4617.

### Campus News airs Saturdays

MSUM's weekly Campus News program broadcasts at 7 a.m. Saturdays on Prairie Public Television this winter and spring. The show premiered Feb. 14.

The half-hour newscast focuses on local and regional colleges and includes some stories from campuses around the world. It's written, reported, photographed and produced by MSUM students.

About 50 students are involved in the production. They are supervised by Martin Grindeland, an MSUM mass communications professor and executive producer of the program.

MSUM seniors Travis Skonseng and Melanie Newman anchor the program; senior Lindsay Hartmann anchors and produces sports.

Skonseng, a 1998 graduate of Wapeton (N.D.) Senior High School, received a business degree at NDSU last year. The Wahpeton native is



**Skonseng, Newman and Hartmann**

now a mass communications major at MSUM.

Newman, also a mass communications major, is a 1999 graduate of Cando (N.D.) High School. It's her second year as a member of the Campus News staff.

Hartmann, a 2000 graduate of Alexandria (Minn.) High School, is a transfer student who started her college career at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn. A guard on the Dragon varsity basketball team, she anchored a daily news show at Southwest State and was the news anchor for Campus News last year.

### Imbarrato delivers faculty lecture

Susan Imbarrato of the English department has been named the 2003-04 Roland and Beth Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

She will present her lecture on "Writing into the Ohio Frontier: Women's Travel Narratives, 1783-1830," at 4 p.m. Tuesday in CB 111.

Imbarrato was also awarded a \$1,200 prize.

Imbarrato came to MSUM in 1999 and received the MSUM Excellence Award for Research Activity in 2002. She completed her doctorate in English at Claremont Graduate University and earned her undergraduate and master's degrees in English at Pepperdine University.



**Imbarrato**

Her teaching and research areas include early American literature, women in literature, travel narratives, slave narratives, letters and diaries, and frontier literature. She is the author of "Declarations of Independency in Eighteenth-Century American Autobiography (1998)," and has written several articles on early American travel narratives.

Her lecture will examine compelling stories about crossing rivers, riding across mountains, sleeping in taverns, facing hunger and encountering American Indians. She will also address conventional genteel protests over rustic conditions, women expressing their reluctance to separate from family, friends, church and community, and their willingness to navigate the frontier.

A reception follows the lecture in the CB atrium.

### THE Security Report

2.9 — 2.15

**2.9** Parking violation in parking lot N.

**2.10** Parking violation in parking lot D.

**2.11** 911 hang up in the campus security house.

**2.11** Theft in Bridges.

**2.11** Fire alarm in MacLean.

**2.12** Liquor law violation in Holmquist.

**2.13** Harassment of students in Neumaier Apts.

**2.14** Parking violation in the Nelson Circle.

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**2.14** Parking violation in parking lot D.

**2.14** Vandalism in Holmquist.

**2.15** Fire alarm in East Snarr.

### Hap

2.19 — 2.25  
Happenings and Events

**2.19**  
Dragon Frost Chili Feed, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., campus mall.

**2.19**  
Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., CMU ballroom.

**2.19**  
Graduate student workshop, 4 to 6 p.m., CMU 208.

**2.20**  
RHA Karaoke, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., CMU main lounge.

**2.21**  
President's Ball, 9 p.m. to 1a.m., CMU ballroom, \$5 per couple, \$3 per individual.

**2.21**  
Coronation of Snow Court and announcement of the Dragon Pride award winner, 10 p.m., CMU ballroom.

**2.21**  
"College Night" with the F-M Jets, 7:05 p.m., John E. Carlson Coliseum "The Hanger."

**2.21**  
Interviewing workshop, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., CMU 208.

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# FEATURES

## Credit card debt remains foreign to incoming freshman students

By CATHY BONGERS  
Staff Writer

Most college students aren't too worried about credit card debt when they begin freshman year, but by graduation, many students find themselves owing more than they can handle.

Research shows that the average debt owed by college graduates is \$20,000, including

loans and credit. However, the average college student graduates with more than \$7,000 in credit card debt alone.

Students in Liz Conmy's public relations campaign execution class are helping others learn about credit cards with interactive events. One group's slogan, "Do you want it, or do you need it?" helps make students think before they charge.

At the event "Take Charge of Your Future," on last week, a group of students led informative sessions about credit terminology, credit reports, interest rates, carrying balances and the differences between cards.

"Most people see credit cards as free money," said junior Tiffany Deutsch, who discussed credit terms with students.

credit score.

Unfortunately, most students don't learn much about credit cards until it's too late and they're already in trouble.

For those students, there is counseling available on campus.

"We tend to see them when they have problems and are looking for solutions," said Linda Tegtmeier, assistant director of financial aid.

Duane Emmel, Village Family Services credit counselor, said preventative credit talks are the most effective because he generally only sees people after they are in trouble.

"A credit card is an opportunity to get into debt," said Emmel.

He said credit cards can be a good thing for students if they are knowledgeable about how to use them.

The first thing a student should do if credit becomes a problem is dispose of all credit cards and learn to change spending habits, said Tegtmeier.

Because students don't usually ask for help until creditors begin to call, Tegtmeier said they try to educate freshmen on credit card debt at Dragon Days and in classes.

Realizing that incoming stu-

dents need credit education, Ggrös Communications promoted the topic during MSUM's Preview Day last Monday.

Preview Day is a chance for prospective students to visit the campus.

Emmel spoke to a group of students and their parents about the dangers of credit cards once in college.

If a student is too far in debt, the Village Family Service Center has a number of counselors who specialize in credit card debt. They will act as mediators and negotiate with creditors.

Educational credit events will continue to happen on campus.

"Credit for Life: Passport to a Successful Financial Future" is offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the CMU ballroom.

The program offers students an opportunity to learn how to secure their financial future while experiencing a safari adventure, Mardi Gras, Hawaiian paradise and Ireland's finest.

Students who complete the program will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win prizes from local businesses.

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SARAH OLSONAWSKI/THE ADVOCATE

Duane Emmel, Village Family Services credit counselor, spoke to prospective students about the dangers of credit card debt at last Monday's MSUM Preview Day.

**LOBBY DAY**, from front of the grant formula dollars," said Fuller. "I think they're down to 46 or 47 percent because we didn't raise their tuition cap. So, when we put more dollars into the state grant program and MSUM's tuition went up, we actually started to slide the other way."

Maier questioned why Concordia students are getting \$6,000 to \$7,000 grants even though their parents' income is double that of the average MSUM student.

"As far as we feel—and of course we are biased—but I think it should be equal percentages. Twenty percent of the students should get 20 percent of the aid," said Maier.

Sophomore Mackenzie Taylor attended Lobby Day last year and feels this year's program was more productive.

"It's been a lot more positive. It's helpful to volunteer on behalf of our peers because no one on campus wants tuition raised, but obviously a thousand of us cannot come down here," said Taylor.

Maier said the event was a success not only because students were able to speak directly with the Minnesota Legislature but also because of the increase in student involvement in this year's trip.

"We had a really good turnout percentage-wise," Maier said, noting that the number of students actually attending Lobby Day is usually about 60 percent of the number that agrees to go. This year, that number was closer to 90 percent, according to Maier.

Maier said this year's trip

was important because the next appropriations session is next year. The appropriations session is the session in which the state congress decides how much money to allocate to Minnesota colleges and universities.

"We talked about how things affected us so that (the congressmen) can put a face on their votes," Maier said.

As in years past, students spoke to the state Legislature about issues concerning college students. One of the main concerns is the rising cost of tuition. Maier said the group acknowledged the state's financial trouble, but the effects were being directed at "the future taxpayers" of the state, the people who are "the least able to pay."

Maier said a Minnesota state

statute requires the state to pay two-thirds of the cost of college tuition at public schools. Currently, the state's contribution to tuition is less than half. He credits the 15 percent increase in tuition last year and the double-digit increases of the past few years to helping to get students involved.

"Maybe students are becoming less apathetic and pushed toward the edge," Maier said. "I think finally students were concerned."

Whatever the reason for the increase in activism at MSUM,

Maier said he was pleased with this year's event. He added it was nice to see all the new faces and that students are always encouraged to get involved. With such a diverse group of representatives, MSUM was well represented.


"I was really proud of everyone for coming out. They kind of braved bad weather and bad timing with (increased) school work," Maier said.

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# Credit card education necessary for students

Since the average college student graduates with more than \$7,000 in credit card debt alone, it's apparent that more credit education is necessary.

Credit is an important topic that many students know little, if anything, about. How many students get suckered into signing up for a credit card by the offer of free T-shirts and candy? And, how many of those students know every credit card they apply for counts and shows up on their credit report?

That includes every store card from Express, Structure, Best Buy, Marshall Fields, American Eagle, Target and so on. The more credit cards a person has, the more credit is available in his or her name. This can possibly prevent someone from being approved for a house, car or student loan because the bank will see that credit line as potential money a person has available to spend. Therefore, not needing more from a loan.

However, the biggest skill students need to learn is how to manage their cards and use them wisely.

How many students can really afford to go to Cancun or Florida every year for Spring Break without charging it? Not many. Can those tan bodies pay off that trip when they get back? Probably not.

Learning to manage credit better would save those students from paying for Spring Break fun three years after the tan has faded.

Students need to face up to the reality that, in all likelihood, they are poor. Spending beyond our means using credit cards can only damage us in the long run, hurting our chances for other loans and leaving us with an ever-increasing debt load, something few of us can afford.

On the flip side, credit cards are not completely evil. It's similar to food. If it's used (or eaten) too much, then credit (fat) builds up to an unhealthy state. The late night pizzas, if charged, are not only bad for the body fat buildup, but also for the credit card debt buildup.

So remember, credit cards are like food — everything about it is OK—moderation.



## Find your personal theme song so 'everybody knows your name'



**SAMANTHA MILLER**

Columnist

"Isn't there just one song that fits you to a tee?"

Now that the hoopla surrounding a certain day last week has settled down, it is time for the February blahs. The next big event to look forward to is Spring

Break, and that's still about a month away.

If you're like me—which is unlikely but just go with me here—you're probably sick and tired of the cold and snow. I cannot wait for spring or some change in the weather that doesn't mean getting up and seeing gray out my window. I'm just craving something different, but I know it's far away. So I have to find other ways of passing time, and thankfully the Internet is excellent at killing time.

Forrest Gump had one. Laverne and Shirley had one. The one from "Friends" is very recognizable. And Mr. Rogers invites you to please be his neighbor. What am I talking about? A theme song.

If all these people can have

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I'm not saying you should wander around carrying a little stereo and whenever you walk into some place have the theme from "Cheers" play.

them, why can't you and I? Yes, I know they're fictional, but isn't there just one song you feel fits you to a tee? The one song you can relate the most to, and actually feel is somehow your song? I know I'm not the only one, and there's a Web site to help me prove my point.

At emode.com, you can actually take a quiz to help you find your personal theme song. A long time ago, I took this quiz, but have since forgotten what song was supposed to be my theme. In the interest of this column, I decided to take it again, and came up with a surprising result: "Independent Woman" by Destiny's Child. This result is definitely one that makes you scratch your head and go, "Huh?"

I then looked at the bottom of the quiz to see what my other possibilities could be, and found slim pickings for songs. Instead of a wide array of songs that could

possibly be my song, I found there were only 12 songs.

But the site at least has an inkling of the right idea. People should have theme songs. Not in the same fashion as on television or in movies. I'm not saying you should wander around carrying a little stereo and whenever you walk into some place have the theme from "Cheers" play as everyone says, "Hi Norm." That'd just be weird. Unless your name is Norm (and if so, I am not trying to insult you).

I think having a personal theme song would be cool. It'd be a driving force in your life. I also sometimes ponder what it would be like if your life had a soundtrack, so with each thing you do, a little musical cue would happen, á la "Dawson's Creek" or some soap opera. That's taking things a little far.

So I challenge you this: while you're waiting for March to come, sit down and think about your theme song. And if you feel so inclined, wear a little CD player around your neck and play it when you walk into a room. It'd lighten the mood of the room, and maybe help chase the gray skies away.

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## Debate over presidential policy ends in MSUM student public debate

### Your turn

Dear Mr. Feb. 12 letter: My name is "moron from the South," and it might be a sin, but I'll take your bet (you're gonna regret) 'cause I'm the best that's ever been! You asked for a debate or a ... "rebuttal?" I'll debate on George the Great, but whatever a rebuttal is, we ain't got 'em down South. As for the Constitution, the Yankees wrote it—General Lee surrendered, I didn't—and besides, it expired on 9-11.

So I'll debate y'all at high noon under two conditions. My kinfolk is away, managing a Waffle House, so: First—You provide me with some Bush supporters. Better yet, invite an expert—a faithful disciple who will defend Bush to the end, like KFGO's Scott Henning. If that's out of your league, I'll

play Devil's advocate and debate him for you, and we'll learn about a president who is beyond the scope of anything this world has ever seen. Second—What's the hurry? Does your conscious bother you? Watergate does not bother me, so this trivial stuff can wait until after the Daytona 500, Bubba!

**Jimmy P. Powell**  
MSUM sophomore

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# Americans should revert back to the peaceful '60s

"Where have all the flowers gone? / Long time passing / Where have all the flowers gone? / Long time ago / Where have all the flowers gone? Gone to graveyards every one / When will they ever learn? / When will they ever learn?"

In the 1960s, the flower was the thing. Peter, Paul and Mary's recording of Pete Seeger's folk song on the death of soldiers resonated among a generation of youth that for some reason (to be left to the sociologists) had a conscious to be reckoned with.

I witnessed and participated in the generation of flower children who operated on flower logic (instead of garage logic) and were fueled by flower power. We had a cause, peace; a vision, no more unnecessary killing of our youth; and a symbol, the flower.

"One, two, three, four, we don't want your goddamn war" was our message to the two presidents during that time, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon. We chanted freely, in the land of the free, and we were heard. We declared openly that we would rather make love than war. We wore our hair long, our skirts short and our emotions

on our sleeves. We protested with sit-ins, love-ins, and placed flowers in the barrels of National Guard rifles at Kent State.

"If you're going to San Francisco / Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair / For those who come to San Francisco / Summertime will be a love-in there."—Scott MacKenzie

The Summer of Love, Haight-Ashbury. No, we weren't perfect, and perhaps our flower power had a bit to do with buds of marijuana or a drop of LSD. However, we made tracks with our cause, primarily because we weren't censored. We suspected we were hated.

But we had a strong voice in this country, and we were heard. Several politicians embraced us in their 1968 presidential election bids. We watched as Bobby Kennedy was shot before our eyes on television. We cried openly and mourned deeply for our assassinated leaders. We picked a few more flowers and tucked them behind our ears.

"Harmony and understanding / Sympathy and trust abounding / No more falsehoods or derisions / Golden living dreams of visions /

## Letters to the editor

Mystic crystal revelations / And the mind's true liberation, Aquarius."—The Fifth Dimension

We lived in a time of great spiritual energy, the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. We restored Jesus Christ to his rightful place as the Prince of Peace, who walked and talked to people like you and me on Earth through the rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar," and the popular musical "Godspell."

We believed in love as a power greater than death. We had Jesus Freaks, the Chicago Seven, Jimi Hendrix and Jane Fonda, all with different styles of protest, but all carrying the same bouquet.

I went looking for a movement last April to protest the war, only to be censored by George W. Bush for being unpatriotic. Guising it in a fallacious argument, "To be critical of the war means that you are critical of the men and women who make up our troops," George W. Bush was able to censor the people of this country,

including our own Democratic contenders for the next presidential election. I experienced a real frustration with this gag order, but it did remind me of former protests against hate, war, killing and intolerance of others' positions.

"Mother, Mother / There's far too many of you crying / Brother, Brother, Brother / There's far too many of you dying / You know we've got to find a way, to bring some lovin' here today—yeah /

"Father, Father / We don't need to escalate / You see war is not the answer / For only love can conquer hate /

"You know we've got to find a way, to bring some lovin' here today /

"What's going on? / What's going on? / What's going on? / What's going on?"—Marvin Gaye and the Funk Brothers, Motown

With the war came numbers of casualties rolling in, the current number at about 500 of our precious citizens, dying for their country. And Iraqi men, women and children dead in higher numbers, the very ones we went to save from the vitriolic Saddam Hussein's regime.

Once it is established that

the weapons of mass destruction are the equivalent of a McGuffin in an Alfred Hitchcock thriller (the item that keeps inquiring minds occupied, while the crook gets away with the loot), it's anybody's guess whose heads will roll, but I know it won't be George W. Bush, Dick Cheney or Donald Rumsfeld, "the holy trinity."

Flower power has been nudging me again lately, and the caucuses and primaries have given the democratic hopefuls the moxie to say the unthinkable: George W. Bush is a Liar. Peace is threatened not only by terrorist attacks around the world, but also by our inability to build diplomatic bridges with international communities.

So, brother, sister, father, mother, student, dust off your tie-dyed shirts (or just run down to an urban wear outlet), let your hair down, hike up your skirts (or your low-riders), and let's be heard in the upcoming election. We have the cause, peace; and the vision, no more unnecessary killing of our youth; and a symbol, the flower. Let's not have to question, again, where all the flowers have gone.

Cynthia Preston  
MSUM student

# Month of February is a month-long apology for history's mistakes

By BARBIE PORTER  
Columnist

Every February, I question the rationale of Black History Month. Why are blacks singled out? I'm not aware of a red, yellow or tan month to acknowledge the historical leaders of Native Americans, Asians or Hispanics. I'm sure my ancestors robbed those races of their history as well. Maybe it's because the black race won't let us forget about that slavery thing. Or perhaps our government feels that deeming a month to the blacks will help white-wash history's misdeeds.

Recently, a colleague reiterated a quote I've heard before,

"History is written by the winners." Why then are history books filled with powerful white men who have blood on their hands? How are they considered the winners?

I attended public schools. From first grade to graduation, I read history books, unaware that they were written through historians' rose-colored glasses. Those books didn't acknowledge those who deserve the most credit for overcoming adversity to change history.

Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks were the big black four. Aside from them, history seems to have closed the door.

It took the silver screen to teach me about the Hurricane, Malcolm X and the Black Panthers. I didn't know about Frederick Douglass until I took it upon myself to read an anthology my freshman year here. I don't understand how history could forget to acknowledge these people, but it continues to.

Last year I took a creative writing class, in which we had to pen a poem. I bashed my heritage in my little ditty. See, I have this knot in my brain, given to me by the knowledge of what my ancestors did. I feel responsible for the stolen lives. I feel accountable for the

□ PORTER, back page

## Optimal Outcome offers credit card assistance

In 2002, graduates of public colleges left college with an average of \$17,100 in student loan debt. Graduates of MSUM are even higher in debt, at \$17,369. This number has more than doubled from 10 years ago.

In response to this research, we realized in order to establish a stable financial future, it is important for students to learn about credit management. Our Bateman Case Study group (a national Public Relations Student Society of America contest), Optimal Outcome, has decided to educate students on how to establish credit, how to maintain good credit, what to do if credit problems arise and what a credit score means.

This educational program will

take place 11 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in the CMU ballroom. Students will participate in "Credit for Life: Passport to a Successful Financial Future." Upon completing their passports successfully, students will be entered in a drawing for prizes from local businesses as an incentive.

We hope we are able to share our experiences with other students in realizing the importance of understanding credit.

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Michelle Fales  
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Dawn Ness  
Joshua Thomas





# Fashion Focus



Kyle Davis  
sophomore



Amanda Welte  
freshman



Angela Stensrud  
freshman



Norbert Ferro  
senior

## Students style their way through the seasons

By ELISSA HOVLAND

A&E Editor

Whether walking across campus, eating at Kise or attending class, students sport a variety of clothing. Ranging from poofy winter jackets to tight pants, baggy jeans to baggy sweats, from T-shirts to oftentimes loose pajamas.

College fashion can range from the “I just rolled out of bed look,” to the “I’m off to a late night party look,” from the relaxed style of freshmen and sophomores to the professional look of the upper-classmen.

Most students tend to look their best in the fall. Starting a new school year, many are looking to attract new faces, while others simply have a lot of clean clothes. Spring is when students look-

ing for a great summer internship or a decent, well-paid job, get decked out in their finest, most respectable attire. Button-down shirts, conservative black pants and clean black shoes replace the sweatshirts and dirty tennis shoes that were so popular months before.

Winter is when students get comfortable. Showing up to class in pajamas and slippers is common, and jackets become a main accessory.

“I’m wearing my pjs today; they keep me warm,” said junior Tami Ludden.

Whether in pajamas or daywear, college students have a fashion sense that belongs solely to their generation.

“I like the velour pants; they’re comfy and still trendy,” said senior Steph Agnew.

“

Guys who wear a black peacoat are very attractive.

Tami Ludden  
Junior

Guys tend to go one of three directions: sophisticated and stylish, sporty and comfortable or laid-back and punkish.

“Guys who wear black peacoats are very attractive,” said Ludden.

A peacoat paired with clean blue jeans, a long-sleeve button-down collared shirt and a pair of tan loafers seems to be the best approach for a guy to take when

going for a more clean-cut appearance, according to some girls.

Others go for a more unique style.

“I like guys with crazy-colored hair,” said freshman Angela Stensrud. Loose cargos, a T-shirt with a band logo and a pair of DC skate shoes seems to be appealing in its

own right.

Accessories, whether for a guy or a girl, are also a must-have. For the male population, accessorizing means putting on a hat, watch or hemp necklace. Some get creative, adding a bandanna in their pocket or a duct tape bracelet.

Girls are slightly more decorative with their accessories.

“I love hoop earrings,” said Stensrud. “Hoops make any outfit snazzy.”

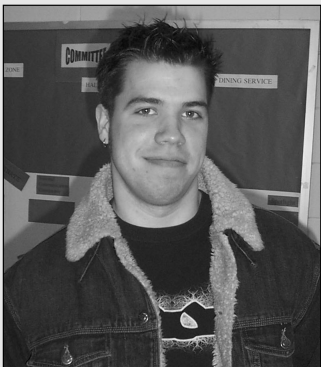
Piercings and tattoos are another addition to the normal wear of many college students. While ears are still the most common place to get a piercing, students are also sporting eyebrow, nose and lip piercings.

No matter the weather, students wear whatever they find comfortable and suitable in their own style. It doesn’t matter what you put on in the morning, but that you show up for the day.

“Just maintain good hygiene, shower, brush your teeth, make sure your clothes are clean—you don’t have to be dressed up,” advised the girls of student senate.

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## Students speak out on accessories



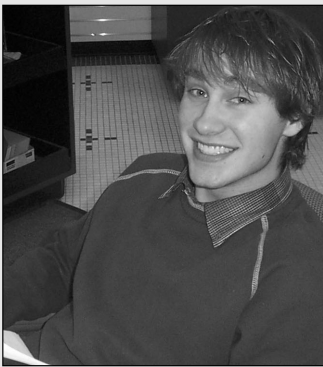
“I love my furry coat. It’s my wingman; it makes me feel like a pilot.”

—Aaron Birch  
freshman



“We don’t like ... capris with really high boots.”

—Megan Bemboom  
sophomore  
Amanda Lyon  
freshman



“I hate those ridiculous armbands—they just look silly.”

—Mark Proulx  
sophomore



“I wear a variety of stuff, but I love my striped socks.”

—Tami Ludden  
junior



“I like the velour pants; they’re comfy and still trendy.”

—Steph Agnew  
senior



# Arts and Entertainment

## Hot spots for great clothing & unique accessories



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If you're looking for fun and creative clothing that will stand out in the crowd, head to Gadzooks.

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For more selections, make it a day trip and wander around the West Acres Mall in Fargo.



## Guys Cut 'n' Run from former bands

By HEIDI REULE

Copy Editor

They're not like other bands around. Perhaps it's the bare-footed guitar player with the burgeoning mullet, or the drummer who insists he bleeds from drumming so hard, or their insatiable hunger and passion for the thing they love most: music.

Cut 'n' Run consists of frontman Brian Johnson, guitar and vocals; MSUM sophomore Danny Nygard, bass; and Wil Simon, drums.

Although they're a fairly new band, playing music is nothing new for this trio. These veteran musicians have been rocking the F-M scene for years, playing shows and putting on shows. But this time there's more rock and less pop blaring through the amps.

Nygard and Johnson, formerly of If Looks Could Kill I'd Watch You Die, and Simon, formerly of This Boy's Life, didn't quit their bands because of hardships. They just seemed more in tune with each other both stylistically and lyrically. Rock 'n' roll is the name of their game, and it's not hard to see why.

Like a lot of people, their inspiration draws from movies and life experiences. Some songs are introspective, and others take on a lighter tone. The songs range from writing about Dad and friends to tagging stuff.

"I don't listen to other bands and say I'm going to sound like that," Johnson said.

Despite being inspired by films—the band's name derives directly from a cannibal zombie film titled "Cut 'n' Run," it wasn't their first choice for a name.



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Machete, Letters of Transit and Buried but Breathing were among some of their other picks.

Currently, they plan to take it slow and "stick to something smaller," said Johnson. "We have the potential to do whatever we want to do," said Simon. "There are no limits, anything comes, and it's going to be us." After all, Nygard said, Johnson put it best, "(music is the) best thing we know how to do."

As for now, recording a duet with Justin Timberlake is not in their future—not that they'd want

to, but they have something better—there's a driving force of motivation and ambition buried deep down inside each of them. There's so much that they already have a Midwest summer tour planned with Iowa natives Dispensing of False Halos. They also plan to finish a demo and continue writing songs. They play at Ralph's Corner Bar 9 p.m. March 5.

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"The Company" will not open Friday, due to technical difficulties. The Fargo Theatre will show Oscar-Nominated "Lost in Translation" for one week only. Call 239-8385 for showtimes.

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES



Rhode

Junior **Haley Rhode** broke three individual MSUM swimming records and was a part of three school relay records broken by the Dragon swim team at the Central States Invitational over the weekend.



Anderson

Sophomore **Kristan Anderson** won the triple jump with a leap of 36-5, placed third in the 55 hurdles with a personal best of 8.71 seconds, and placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17-2 at last weekend's Cobber Invitational. Anderson was named Dragon female athlete of the week.

The MSUM tennis team kicked off its 2004 campaign with a 6-3 win over Concordia at Courts Plus. The Dragons then lost to Bethel College and St. Thomas 6-3 before upending Hamline 7-2 in St. Paul this last week. Freshman **Rose Milless** is currently 4-0 in singles competition.

Notes by **Dustin Monke**  
Sports Editor and  
MSUM athletic Web site

## TRIVIA

1. What is the payroll for the New York Yankees now that they have acquired American League MVP Alex Rodriguez?
2. Who won the first NBA rookie of the year award?

Answers:  
1. New York owner George Steinbrenner will have to fork over \$190 million to his players this season.  
2. Don Meineke of the Fort Wayne Pistons was awarded the leagues first award for an outstanding rookie player in the 1952-53 season.

## Five-game skid comes to a halt on Saturday

By DUSTIN MONKE

Sports Editor

The MSUM men's basketball team finished off its last two games of the season over the weekend.

First, the MSUM men's basketball team took a 77-57 loss at home to NSIC leader Bemidji State (16-7, 11-1 NSIC). But the Dragons (12-12, 5-8 NSIC) turned things around, snapping their five-game losing streak with a convincing 84-68 victory against Minnesota-Crookston at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

Charles Hanks, Bemidji State senior forward and NSIC pre-season most valuable player, proved he was the real deal. He scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while shooting 10 of 15 from the field.

"There's a lot of things you can prevent in basketball," junior guard Rob Sullivan said. "(But) if a team's on, they're on."

MSUM head coach Stu Engen admitted that no matter what defense the Dragons switched to, Bemidji State's shooting couldn't be stopped.

"They came in knocking down everything early," Engen said. "We got into our man-to-man, tried icing Hanks, and

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## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Split decision



LIZZIE STARK/THE ADVOCATE

Junior point guard Rob Sullivan tries to avoid getting blocked on a layup in MSUM's loss to NSIC leader Bemidji State. Sullivan finished with a team high 17 points and four assists.

## Women stunned by Beavers, drop Eagles

By JOSEPH BOUSHEE

Staff Writer

The MSUM women's basketball team closed out the season at home Friday and Saturday with games against NSIC opponents Bemidji State and University of Minnesota-Crookston.

The Beavers stunned the Dragons 66-65, capping off a 9-0 run in the last two minutes of the game.

Down one point with 12 seconds remaining, Karla Nelson chose to ice the clock using three consecutive timeouts.

When play eventually resumed and only five seconds remained, senior post Liz Klukas got the ball and forced a shot with Bemidji State defenders all around as time expired.

Klukas missed the shot, while the Dragons (14-10, 7-6 NSIC), winners of their past three games, looked on.

Nelson expressed confidence in her senior center.

"Liz is somebody I'd like to have get the ball in the end of the game," she said.

Klukas had a productive game, scoring 21 points and grabbing 15 boards.

The Beavers came into the game having lost their previous two games by 19 points

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## WRESTLING

# Dragons storm state of South Dakota, emerge unscathed

By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

The MSUM wrestling team finished a successful week by upsetting South Dakota State in a gut-wrenching 19-17 victory in Brookings, on Friday.

The Dragons started their South Dakota swing two days earlier, wrapping up the NSIC team title with a 27-13 win over Northern State, Aberdeen, S.D., Thursday.

The Dragons (12-3) won five of the last seven matches against Northern State Wednesday, Feb. 11 to finish their conference schedule a perfect 3-0. The Dragons won their second consecutive conference title and their first under new coach Keenan Spiess.

Spiess successfully kept the Dragon wrestling tradition alive in his first season, but he isn't surprised at the team's success.

"I think we put that expectation on ourselves," Spiess said of winning the NSIC team title.

Several wrestlers also picked up individual titles by winning matches in duals against Minnesota-Morris and Southwest Minnesota State.



Kopiasz

Seniors Ryan Kopiasz (184 pounds), Desmond Radunz (125), junior Josh Jansen (157) and sophomores Ben Keen (141) and Danny Meyer (149) won NSIC individual titles Wednesday.

Jansen's title is his third individual title for the Dragons. Keen and Kopiasz are two-time winners.

Kopiasz was named NSIC wrestler of the week and MSUM athlete of the week for his recent performances.

Jansen doesn't put a lot of stock in conference titles. He said it's the bigger prize he craves. He and the rest of the

team just want to be All-Americans.

"It's pretty exciting, I guess. I wish our conference was a little bigger—wrestling-wise. You just gotta mind your own business and wrestle," Jansen said.

This is the last year conference titles will be awarded in the NSIC because of the declining number of teams with wrestling programs.

The departure of Minnesota-Morris next year will leave the NSIC with just MSUM, Northern State and Southwest.

MSUM won 11 team and numerous individual titles as a member of the NSIC. More importance is already being placed on regional rather than conference opponents.

According to Spiess, the dual win over SDSU, a regional opponent, may be the first ever for the Dragons.

In what could be the last dual meet ever between the Dragons and the Jackrabbits, MSUM used a few key performances to capture its third road win

in little more than a week. SDSU is moving to Division I beginning next year.

Senior Jeremy Kellar (133) and Keen won decisions to start the dual for the Dragons, and Meyer followed with a major decision.

"I really thought we'd beat them if we wrestled good. I thought we had the better team. That's the problem sometimes, just wrestling at your best," Jansen said.

The Dragons and Jackrabbits split the last four matches, but seniors Kopiasz and Radunz were the difference-makers in the dual.

Kopiasz picked up a pin and Radunz won a decision to give the Dragons a 2-point win. Both seniors were ranked eighth in the nation in their respective weight classes in the latest national poll.

The Dragons couldn't have scripted a much better ending with Radunz representing the Dragons in the final match.

"It worked out just right," Spiess said.

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A  
LOOK  
AHEAD

## MEN'S HOOPS

MSUM men's hoops journey to Minnesota-Duluth for the final time in conference action today at 8 p.m.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Dragons travel to Minnesota-Duluth to take on the Bulldogs for the final time in Northern Sun play today at 6 p.m.

## WRESTLING

The No. 18 Dragons have their final home dual against St. Cloud State at 7 p.m. today in Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

## TRACK &amp; FIELD

The Dragons head across town today for the NDSU Invitational at the Bison Sports Arena.





LIZZIE STARK/THE ADVOCATE

MSUM junior guard Brenna Rollie splits defenders, junior guard Shawne Koch and junior guard Allison Sanderberg, in the Dragons 66-65 upset loss to NSIC opponent Bemidji State Friday.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Dragons fall into fifth at CSI

By DUSTIN MONKE

Sports Editor

The MSUM swimming and diving team finished fifth at the Central States Invitational in Springfield, Mo., last weekend.

Truman State took first with a score of 1,078; host Drury University notched second with 974.

"As a team our goal was to place third," diving coach Steve Wrangham said. But thanks to strong performances from other squads, the Dragons finished fifth with 372.

The Dragons broke numerous school records at the meet. Junior Haley Rhode set school records in three individual events and was a part of three relay teams that broke school records.

Rhode's 54.39 second-place finish in the 100-meter freestyle was a personal best.

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they exploited us there."

Things got out of control early as the sharp-shooting Beavers built a 45-29 lead by halftime on 70 percent shooting in the first half.

The closest the Dragons could get was 69-55 with 6:27 remaining after Sullivan and junior forward Chris Anderson pushed the Dragons on a 7-0 run.

Sullivan finished with 17 points, four assists and three steals for MSUM.

The Beavers would quell the short-lived run with six straight points of their own, cementing the lead.

"I don't think we played with the amount of energy that we should," Sullivan said.

The Dragons outscored the Beavers 32-14 in the paint, but were outscored on the charity stripe and from beyond the arc.

Anderson scored 12 points in his first game returning to the starting lineup after being out with an ankle injury.

The junior spoke words of

It was two-tenths of a second short of the national qualifying mark.

Rhode also broke records in the 50-meter and the 200-meter freestyle.

Relay squads set records in the 200-meter, 400-meter and 800-meter relays.

Freshman diver Sarah Chaussee finished first on the 1-meter board and second on the 3-meter board.

Freshman diver Miranda Albers finished second on the low board and third on the high board.

Freshman diver Brooke Wehri competed even though she was injured with stitches on her foot. She placed fourth on the low board.

"Our goal all season was to get one, two, three (on the boards)," Wrangham said.

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wisdom Friday night after the loss to Bemidji State. "We need to forget about the losing streak and get it done, get a win," Anderson said.

MSUM took it to heart, as four players scored in double figures. The team also shot 54 percent from the field and 52 percent from 3-point range to defeat the Golden Eagles and end their five-game losing skid.

Junior guard Ridas Globys came out of a recent slump scoring 21 points and five rebounds.

Anderson scored 16 points and shot 7 of 10 from the field. Junior guard Ben Aalto scored 12 points on 3 of 4 shooting from beyond the arc, and junior forward Deandre Buchanan had 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles (4-20, 2-11 NSIC) got 17 points from senior guard Bilal Hall.

The team shot 18 of 25 from the free-throw line.

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on their home floor against division foes Winona State and Concordia-St. Paul.

But tables turned at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse as the Beavers clearly brought their defense, scoring 20 points off a costly 24 MSUM turnovers.

"They play tough (defensively); they made us play more chaotic than normal," senior post Liz Klukas said.

Despite the chaotic Bemidji State defense, the Dragons took a slim 35-32 lead into halftime. They hoped they had seen the Beavers' best effort, at least defensively.

Not far into the second half, the Dragons built as much as a nine-point lead.

But turnovers would continue to be a nagging problem.

Late in the game, chaos showed itself again.

It began with a steal by Beavers junior guard Allison Sanderberg with just more than 30 seconds remaining.

Sanderberg dished the ball to freshman guard Maggie Gernbacher, who hit a clutch layup, leaving 29 seconds left and putting the Beavers up 66-65.

Junior guard Dana Weibel got open for a shot in the wan-

ing seconds but missed.

Senior center Janna Davis clasped the rebound for the Dragons, keeping hope alive and MSUM burned its final timeout before Klukas' final missed shot.

Senior guard Kris Wilson crept closer to the 1,000 career point milestone, scoring nine points on the night.

The Beavers' (10-14, 3-10 NSIC) scoring attack was led by Gernbacher who had 20 points.

Beavers junior forward Stacia Swanson had 18 points and six boards.

The Dragons proved to be no stranger to heartache, as the defeat left them with their fourth loss of the season. It was the eighth MSUM loss by five points or less.

"We needed our perimeter players to step up, and they didn't," Nelson said.

The Dragons didn't get much of a chance to let the loss sink in, since they would face Minnesota-Crookston at home the next day.

The Golden Eagles (10-14, 3-10 NSIC) gave the Dragons every opportunity to move back into the win column as they shot a dismal 18 percent from the field in the first half, scoring on just 6 of 33 attempts.

MSUM took advantage of the Golden Eagles' poor shooting, at one point taking a 13-point lead.

"(Minnesota-Crookston) couldn't have shot any worse," Nelson said. "Hopefully our defense had something in that."

Nelson said the difference between Saturday night's game and the Bemidji State game was beating a team that plays a different type of defense.

"They allowed us to play more composed basketball," she said.

The Golden Eagles managed to improve their shooting in the second half, but the Dragons continued to build a lead that swelled to as much as 17 points.

The Dragons never trailed in the game.

The charity stripe was also friendly to MSUM, who connected on 13 of 19 attempts.

Klukas led the Dragons in scoring with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Wilson scored just two points, leaving her five points short of becoming the 11th Dragon in school history to reach the 1,000 career point club.

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INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Dragons qualify three for national indoors

By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

The MSUM men's and women's track and field teams continue to surprise the competition, adding several impressive performances to their list of indoor season achievements at the Cobber Invitational at Concordia Saturday.

The women have especially fared well as of late.

Senior thrower Belinda Eastlack started the week's competition by competing in the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, on Friday.

Eastlack finished seventh in the weight throw with a toss of 56-9 1/2. The throw finished Eastlack first among NCAA Division II competitors, also besting NCAA Division I throwers from the universities of Minnesota, Illinois, Kentucky, DePaul and Missouri.

The senior then traveled back to Moorhead, where she joined her teammates for the Concordia Invitational.

Eastlack finished second in the weight throw, coming up

just short of one of her coaches, unattached thrower Diandra Gallagher.

Sophomore Heather Schuster, sophomore Kristan Anderson and sophomore Sarah Thome each took first place in their respective events.

Schuster once again qualified provisionally for nationals in the 800-meter with a time of 2 minutes, 16.51 seconds.

Thome's time in the 1,000-meter was eight seconds better than the week before.

Anderson finished first in the triple jump, third in the 55-meter hurdles and fourth in the long jump.

"We seem to be getting in better shape. We seem to be learning to compete," coach Tim McLagan said.

Schuster has been the biggest surprise for the women so far.

"When I signed (Schuster) in 2002, it was a tremendous pickup, and she's just coming into her own," McLagan said.

"We just took a real good athlete from another school."

McLagan said adding Thome into the mix gives the

Dragons a pair of talented sophomore runners.

Furthermore, McLagan said the Dragons lead the conference in basically all middle-distance events, due in no small part to Thome and Schuster.

"Both of them were really good pickups, and they're going to be scoring points for us in the conference," McLagan said. "We seem to be looking good right now (on both the men's and women's teams)."

On the men's side, senior Marc Brown also competed in the Iowa State Classic, where he missed the qualifying time for the finals of the 60-meter by one-hundredth of a second.

At Concordia, sophomore Mike Shonblom picked up a win and a personal record in the 200-meter with a time of 23 seconds flat.

Sophomore Adam Barnett finished behind unattached, former Dragon Keith Knoke for third in the 55-meter hurdles.

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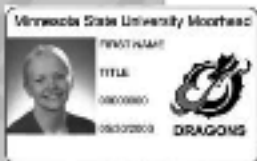
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This concept didn't register for Janet, a classmate. She said what most people say, it wasn't her. She never owned a human being, exterminated a tribe, destroyed a Jew...therefore she has no accountability. I guess it's the American way to pass the buck.

Every minority I meet says they don't trust whites. I don't blame them, I often question our motives. The law of the land, written by the white man, states that we're equal. It's too apparent not to notice

that it's just another lie. Bloody, blatant, unlawful behavior is allowed in minority neighborhoods, but not where white bread breeds. I know things have gotten better. But, how is that good enough since it should have been?

I have three black friends. Two grew up in different areas of Kansas City, MO. They met at one of my poker parties years ago. I hadn't heard people trade war stories about received racist remarks and

corrupt police encounters prior to that night. They made fun of me because I was shocked and naïve. Throughout my years of friendship, I vicariously experienced what it's like to be hated because of skin tone. During those trying moments I'd lose my cool, yet they remained calm, for those moments were daily encounters for them.

During a student senate meeting this year, I heard of an internal investigation with-

in the Moorhead Police Department. I commend them for taking the initiative to address the issue. The results showed police are more apt to pull someone over if their skin isn't white. Perhaps this is because a majority of inmates in the penitentiaries are minorities. Why doesn't our government question this? Maybe it's because, like Janet, they don't want to face what our ancestors did. Or, maybe our government is quietly keeping our ancestors' wishes

alive. After all, slums are mostly filled with minorities. I can't imagine living in a place with no jobs, chalk outlines outside, gun wars too heated for police to pretend to care about, drugs running rampant, and the average black man dying before 25 in the American ghetto. A new form of concentration camps. Is that my ancestors' problem too?

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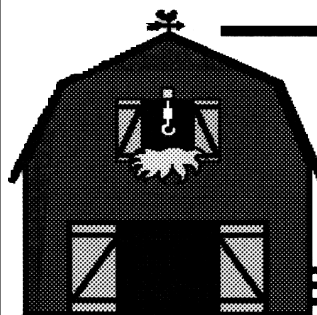
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